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TECHNICAL DEMAND REMAINS STEADY

The High Technology Recruitment Index entered 1985 showing no appreciable change from late 1984. The three-month running average for January, 126, was just one point higher than the December level.

Over the past thirteen months, HTRI has been relatively steady, remaining within an eighteen-point range, between 123 and 141. However, the January 1985 figure is six points lower than that for the same month a year ago.

Single-month data for February declined to 123, indicating that the initial spurt in 1985 technical demand evidenced by January's 135, may not be sustained.

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The HTRI is based on the volume of recruitment advertising directed to degreed engineers and scientists in key U.S. newspapers and technical journals each month. Deutsch, Shea and Evans, which has maintained the Index since 1960, is the human resources consulting and advertising subsidiary of Foote, Cone & Belding Communications, Inc.

HIGH TECHNOLOGY RECRUITMENT INDEX

(1961=100; Seasonally Adjusted)

Month	Single-Month Figure	High Technology Recruitment Index*
February	135	134
March	129	137
April	148	139
May	139	141
June	138	138
July	138	135
August	129	133
September	131	130
October	131	128
November	121	123
December	120	125
January, 1985	135	126
February	123	--

*Based on a 3-month running average

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